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Department of Community Services



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Commission on Disabilities Offers Reminder for Accessible Parking and Holiday Shopping

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Commission on Disabilities and the Harford County Sheriff's Office encourage residents to be respectful of drivers with disabilities during the holiday shopping season.

The Commission wants drivers with disabilities to learn about parking accommodations for people with disabilities and the use of special parking placards and registration plates.

"Accessible parking is critical to many motorists with disabilities, but they need to know all the rules and conditions that apply," said commission member Bob Coen.

Frequently, drivers with disabilities cannot find parking because some drivers without a disability use the spaces. The Harford County Sheriff's Office will check cars parked in accessible spaces to make sure they have placards or designated license plates displayed. Drivers must also show their Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) issued identification. Failure to do so may result in a fine.

"Motorists with disabilities need the spaces provided for them in order to shop, dine and access businesses. Remember: the accessible spaces are there for a specific reason and if you do not require special parking, then parking in that spot for just a minute is 60 seconds too long. Motorists with a disability are also reminded to correctly display their placards when parking, remove them while their vehicle is in motion and make sure to always have your copy of the medical certification in their possession," said Harford County Sheriff L. Jesse Bane.

For more information and local resources about disability, visit the Harford County Commission on Disabilities' Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HarfordCountyCommisiononDisabilities>

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